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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Attached please find Form PTO/SB/08a together with the references as stated in the specification.

- U.S. Patent 5,040,475 as discussed on Page 1 of the specification.
- U.S. Patent 6,209,363 as discussed on Page 1 of the specification.
- U.S. Patent 6,003,345 as discussed on Page 1 of the specification.
- U.S. Patent 6,158,367 as discussed on Page 1 of the specification.
- U.S. Patent 5,165,355 as discussed on Page 1 of the specification.
- FI2002A000224 as discussed on Page 1 of the specification. No translation is available at this time.

The following references have been cited in the International Phase of the above-

identified application.

- WO 95/27097 discloses a method and apparatus for handling flexible objects. The reference has been cited under Category X as being relevant to International claims 1 - 25 and 46-52.

- U.S. Patent 5,992,712.

- U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/104857.

- EP 1 243 682 discloses a method and apparatus for longitudinal orientation of hosiery articles. The reference has been cited under Category X as being relevant to International claim 46.

- U.S. Patent 6,158,367.

Consideration of the above references is requested.

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